

Seabam July 2<sup>d</sup> 1840.

Dear Friend:

I rec<sup>d</sup> your letter last ev<sup>g</sup>  
at this morning went to Miss Fords  
to inquire as to the fate of your  
edition of Pindar. She informed  
me that the Mechan Eagle had taken  
its flight a fortnight ago being  
lured away by that cunning fowler  
John A. Collins. To descend to the  
remains it was delivered to  
Miss Peepers for Collins, at his  
requisition, a fortnight since, & they  
supposed that it was quite rightly  
in West's. I trust it will be  
reclaimed so that it may <sup>not</sup> perch  
upon the Standard as a paper  
evidence of success. I suppose it is  
lying perdue in the omnivorous  
pocket of the Lewis Collins or else  
that he has despatched it to New York.

Talking of Mr. G. & papers puts me in  
mind to ask you to send our N. R. letter  
to Zappan to the Ambassador for the  
next N. R. - It should have been in the  
last (today's) but I suppose you'll help  
put it out of your head. I will send it  
over - that part of it which relates to  
the apertion about the 4 5 4 Ambassin.  
- treaty - see what note or comment  
should be annexed reciting the  
explanation of the For. Loc. &  
please to write the same. Some  
notes should be taken of the Ex-  
planation & the reasons why we  
retain that part of the letter, about  
you think best to retain it - as we  
should avoid the least appearance  
of impairment.

I send you a letter from Mary  
Hill, of Portland, requesting to have  
her name taken from the Dec. of Seals.  
because it is not based on the  
Atonement! "There's no accounting for the  
variety of the human species," as the  
sage Aunt Locky says in *Thomson's*



but still I like to see people set out  
their ideas. You will perceive that  
she consents with Rogers to putting  
<sup>them like any</sup> me out of the pole of  $\chi$  dom - which  
gone Anne & Collins so must ditch  
for the character of Orthodoxy - or rather  
Anne for the character of Orthodoxy  
Collins for the credit of Anti Slavery,  
as I apprehend that he has pretty  
nearly repudiated that doxy &  
cares might little about ~~doxy~~  
- act. Tell Anne that she must  
seriously incline to the consideration  
of the subject & see whether she can  
conscientiously allow her name to  
remain with those of heretics & infi-  
dels - for you must know that I  
am an infidel here in Destab.  
Perhaps it would be well for you to  
prepend a few kindly lines / I don't mean  
to be letter showing the  
impossibility of having a general reform  
or a particular speculative doctrine.  
I think it would come better from  
you than me & it is true that



some M. W. C. S. signify the eternal  
succession of L. 2. S.

I rejoiced to see your  
handwriting again as it was  
a sign that you were in good  
health & improving case, but think  
of the printers declaring ~~the~~ beau-  
tiful illegibility which I ~~rejoice~~ by  
the title of my handwriting, more legible  
than yours! Now the cockles of my  
heart were rejoiced when I snapped  
my fingers at Bristow, Foster  
& the whole crew of mighty penmen.

I rejoice to hear of Chapman's im-  
provement. I do not doubt that it  
will ~~grow~~ prove to be nothing serious  
though you did well to be alarmed  
& to take all necessary precautions.  
If you want, Comstock, air I that  
he had better come to DeSham &  
pay me a visit. We should be most  
happy to receive me you may be sure  
I trust that you will be able to come  
now soon - as the baby would be  
warmly welcomed & well cared for  
in ~~the~~ ample nurseries.

Ms. A. 9. 2. 13. 78



Friend

Have you yet decided on the important particular of  
 her nomenclature? I pronounce in favor of  
 "Maria Weston" - protect against going to foreign  
 parts after Lecture or Lecture or any such heathen  
 appellations when so beautiful & well associated a name  
 is to be found at home. I suppose you mean to have the  
 baptismal ceremony performed in Church by our friend Gannett.  
 As you are "a propeper" there I hold it to be your duty & desire  
 that I may be there to see.

Next Sunday I present A. J. at the Town Hall - as the  
 worthy successor of Mr. Town the Tentelquist who occupies it this week.  
 Tell Caroline that I have an answer to her long & excellent  
 letter before - which should have been continued sendd but  
 for Corineth & company. I will finish it tomorrow however & give  
 an account of the doings of the Dedham F. A. S. Soc. which meets  
 this aftn. Tell C. to let me know when she is coming to  
 Dedham as I should not be likely to find it out and having  
 the S. Love to all

Yours truly  
 Samuel J. May



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Lem A. S. of Dedham

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Maria W. Chapman.